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PREVIOUSLY IN BATTLE CLUB

WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN! GIRD YOUR LOINS, BOYS AND GIRLS -- HERE COMES THE CONCLUSION TO THE FIRST EPIC ARC OF BATTLE CLUB!

AFTER THE WRESTLING CLUB'S DEADLY ENCOUNTER WITH THE GROUP KNOWN AS N.O.B. -- "NIGHTMARE OF BATTLE" -- TONDEMON SQUARED-OFF IN WHAT SEEMED SURE TO BE A FIGHT TO THE DEATH WITH HIS FORMER PROTEGE, MUKODA KUNIKO. WILL KUNIKO MAKE GOOD ON HER THREAT TO ONE DAY KILL THE SENSEI? OR WILL SHE TURN HER PENT-UP RAGE TOWARD THE STUDENTS OF SWAN ACADEMY? THE BONE-CRUSHING ANSWER LIES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PAGES!

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ROUND 1

HMPH.
NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE...
頭突病院
I SEE NOW WHY MUKODA TRANSFERRED TO BLACK DRAGON HIGH...
SENSEI, I THOUGHT YOU WERE GETTING ALONG WITH MUKODA...
...BUT IT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN HER INTENT TO KILL YOU.
Hmm...
.....

HMPH! ONLY ON THE SURFACE.
BUT...
...SHE'S BECOME FILLED WITH HATRED...EVER SINCE THE INCIDENT...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
IF YOU KNEW SHE WAS FILLED WITH HATE, WHY DID YOU SEND HER TO TAMAKO?
THAT MEETING WAS NOT FOR TAMAKO.
I ARRANGED IT FOR MUKODA'S SAKE.
WHAT?
ALTHOUGH I INITIALLY COMPARED HER TO TAMAMI, MUKODA'S THE REAL DEAL.
SHE HAS TALENT. IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SEE IT WASTED BECAUSE OF HER FEELINGS TOWARDS ME.
.....
BY PITTING HER AGAINST NAÏVE LITTLE TAMAKO...
...I WANTED TO SHOW HER...

UNGH...
THE GREATNESS OF WRESTLING... AND ITS STRENGTH.
THIS GIRL...SHE'S UNBELIEVABLY TOUGH...
STUPID GIRL.
I MIGHT HAVE LET YOU LIVE, HAD YOU THE SENSE TO STAY DOWN. BUT NOW...
UNGH...
UNNNGHHH!

MY... FAAAULTTTT... EVERYONE...
I...IT'S MY...
...HURT...
WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR...?
?
DON'T BE SO CONCEITED!
HAH!
.....
...TO YOUR PATHETIC WRESTLING!!!
I'M ONLY HERE TO PROVE...
...THAT ULTIMATE COLLECTIVE MARTIAL ARTS IS SUPERIOR...

!!
HIGYAA?!
TH-THIS MOVE...?!
UWAAAAHH!

GAAAAAH!
MY...MY RIBS!!
TAMAKO SUFFERED A RIB INJURY TWO VOLUMES AGO.
OWWWW, OWWW, OWWWW!
TH-THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...
IF I FELL IN THAT POSITION WITHOUT BRACING MYSELF...
C-COULD IT BE...?
IT FELT LIKE I FELL ON A MATTRESS...
BUT WAIT... WHEN SENSEI DID THE SAME MOVE ON ME, I DIDN'T FEEL ANY PAIN...
IT CAN'T BE!

UOOOOAAARRR!!

HUH?
SEN-SEI...?
HOW LONG CAN ONE MAN POSSIBLY PEE?
HEY...
IT LOOKS LIKE THE RAIN FINALLY STOPPED.
Hospital

IS THAT A CRY OF JOY?
OR PERHAPS ONE OF FRUSTRATION?
SENSEI...
HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU NEED TO HUMILIATE ME?
.....
...WHY DID YOU GO EASY ON ME?
.....

THAT'S NOT IT.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT SHOWING SYMPATHY TO YOUR OPPONENT IS NOT AN ACT OF KIAI...
SO YOU REALLY DO FEEL INDEBTED TO ME...
NO.
MOKICHI, HIGUCHI, TAMAKO...
...AND...
...EVEN THAT CAPOEIRA-KID...
I THINK PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THEIR TRUE FORCE... OR KIAI...
...ARE THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR OTHERS.
IT'S SOMETHING YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU FIGHT ONLY FOR YOUR-SELF.

WHERE DO YOU THINK I LEARNED THAT?
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO STARTED IT ALL...
...I OWED YOU BETTER. THIS IS MY FAULT.
MY VERY EXISTENCE IS THE ROOT OF ALL OF THIS EVIL...
YES...I AM SORRY.
MUKODA...

...BECOME A WRESTLER WHO IS FILLED WITH KIAI.
...THAT YOU, MUKODA...
I DO NOT SEEK FORGIVENESS.
AN APOLOGY? ARE YOU--
I ASK ONLY...

I'VE NEVER...
HIS STRENGTH...
HIS SPEED...
GAUGH!

...THAT WRESTLING HAS SO MANY RESTRICTIVE RULES, COMPARED TO SO-CALLED ULTIMATE COLLECTIVE MARTIAL ARTS...?
WHY DO YOU THINK...
GUGH...
DAMN!
HUH...I'M IMPRESSED YOU HAVE NOT YET FAINTED.
YOU TRULY ARE EVERY BIT AS TALENTED AS I BELIEVED.
IT IS THE MOST HAZARDOUS OF SPORTS.
BECAUSE WRESTLING IS SUCH A DANGEROUS SPORT, IT NEEDS THOSE RULES... OR ELSE A WRESTLER MIGHT BE KILLED.
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THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES..
YOU HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL... BUT ARE STILL TOO WEAK...
...TO TRY TO KILL ME.
AH...
THIS FEELING...
...UGH...
THIS FEELING...
...ANY TIME YOU THINK YOURSELF STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL ME...
SENSEI...
MUKODA...
THAT'S RIGHT... I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR REVENGE AGAINST SENSEI...
IF YOU ARE AS TALENTED AS I BELIEVE...I WOULD GLADLY DIE FOR YOU.
...YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY.

THIS IS MY...
AH...AHHHH...
...LAST LESSON FOR YOU.
SENSEI...

UNGH...
HUH...?
WHAT...?
WHAT DID I...?
ACK!!!

MGH... SE...
DYING...
D-DID I...?
N-NO, IT CAN'T BE...
HEY! MAYBE DAZAI-KUN DID...?!
WHY?!
HUH... WH-WHY, MUKODA-SAN?
SEN... SEI...
SE...
I HAD NO IDEA WHAT HAD HAPPENED...

...EVERYONE AROUND ME GOT HURT THIS WAY.
...NOR WHY...
SEN... SE...
MY ONLY COMFORT...
.....
...FINALLY ENDED WITH THE SUNRISE.
...WAS THAT THE NIGHT THAT FELT LIKE AN ETERNAL NIGHTMARE...

THAT WAS THE LAST DAY...

ROUND 1/END

...TONDEMON SENSEI EVER SHOWED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF US...

COME BACK TONDEMON

AFTER FIGHTING MUKODA, TONDEMON NEVER SHOWED HIMSELF AGAIN AT SWAN ACADEMY. WHY...? DESPITE TAMAKO AND THE GANG'S QUESTIONS GOING UNANSWERED, A NEW WIND IS GOING TO BLOW UPON BATTLE CLUB... BATTLE CLUB 2ND STAGE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!

BATTLE CLUB

ROUND2

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WAAAAAHHHH!!!
I'M DEFINITELY...
DEFINITELY A *PERV!*

ROUND 2

TH-THAT WAS ONE HELL OF A DREAM...
IT WAS EERILY REALISTIC.
IS IT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN TAMAKO FOR AWHILE...?
SHIBA RYOTARO:
17 YEARS OLD. VIRGIN. PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW.
WHOAA!
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL AND THE DEVIL APPEARS! TAMAKO!
THE TAMAKO SENSOR:
REACTS TO THE PRESENCE OF TAMAKO'S SPIRITUAL ENERGY.

TONDEMON SENSEI DIDN'T COME TODAY, EITHER...
DO YOU THINK SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
I DON'T KNOW...BUT YOUR INJURIES SEEM TO BE HEALING FAST!
WHAT AN AMAZING RECOVERY.
HEH HEH HEH...
THAT'S 'CUZ I TRAIN BETTER THAN VICE CAPTAIN...
W-WHAT'S WRONG, TAMA-CHAN?!
HYAAAAA!!
I...
I THINK IT'S A GROPER...
WHAAT?!

WHY... YOU...
LITTLE...!
ぬぬ
ぬ
ACK!
...HUH?
SW- SHIBA...
...I, UM...
UH...
AH?

HEH?
YOU'VE GOT A GREAT BODY...
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE KARATE CLUB?

FUH... IDIOTIC...
WELL, YOU SURE SCARED ME!
I MEAN, I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A LESBIAN OR SOMETHING!
BULLSEYE!
DOESN'T GET IT...
.....

REHAB ...?
THAT PLACE HAS A PUBLIC BATH, AND IT'S EVEN GOT A HOT SPRING!
MOKICHI-KUN AND I WERE PLANNING TO GO AS PART OF OUR PHYSICAL RE-
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US AT THAT COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER?
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS...

HUH?
OH, YEAH!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIVED AROUND HERE!
TOTAL LIE...

AWWWWW...
BESIDES, I'M NO LONGER IN THE KARATE CLUB!
IDIOT! I'M NOT GOING!
HMPH!
ARE YOU INJURED?
UH...
UM... NO...
IT'S JUST...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WRESTLING IS A LOT TOUGHER THAN LAME-ASS KARATE.
HEH.

Eh...
AWWW, WHAT A SHAME! NOW WHO'S GOING TO WASH MY BACK?
City Sports Center
Women

WASHING TAMAKO'S BACK WAS AN OFFER I COULD HARDLY REFUSE...
AH...
HUH?
IT WAS UNNERVING, BUT THE CENTER LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THE LOCATION OF MY AMAZING DREAM...!
HYAAAH!
N...NO, IT'S JUST A FREAK COINCIDENCE. A PREMONITION CAN'T BE THIS SWEET...
COULD THIS BE...?
...A PREMONITION?!
SWWWWWW!!

I MEAN, IF THIS KEEPS GOING..!
DOES IT... MEAN...?
Men
Waah, Shiba-san, you have big boobs!
Y...you too, Tamako!
That's not true...look at them. See? Yours are bigger...
Sppeeeewwwww (Sound of spewing nose bleed)
THIS IS JUST SO UNFAIR!
I JUST DON'T GET IT...
GRRRRR.
Sauna Room

SHIBA...
SO YOU REALLY QUIT THE KARATE CLUB?
UM...WELL...
YEAH...
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
...NOTHING, I GUESS.
WHAT?! WHAT A WASTE!!
HMPH.
STRONG... HUH?
SOMEONE AS STRONG AS YOU!
A SPEED TACKLE?
IS THAT A WRESTLING MOVE?
UNGH. GH.
THEN —
FAIN?
FAR FROM IT, I'M AFRAID.
HUH?
.....

C'MON, LET'S BATTLE!
HUH?
IT'S OKAY. I'LL TEACH YOU.
SHI-BA...
COULD THEY BE... SCISSORING?
PLEASE, THINK ABOUT THEIR LIFE FIRST! (MANAGER)
AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO COME OUT ANYTIME SOON...
THEY'VE BEEN IN THE SAUNA FOR MORE THEN AN HOUR...
120℃

A BATTLE?
RIGHT!
THE FIRST ONE WHO LEAVES THIS ROOM BECAUSE SHE CAN'T STAND THE HEAT IS THE LOSER!
HASN'T MOVED SINCE SHE FAINTED.
WHY WOULD I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
IDIOTIC...
AND IF I WIN, YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN THE WRESTLING CLUB!
WHA?!
クズッ
YOU'RE JUST AFRAID YOU'LL LOSE!
HA!
WHAT PERSEVERANCE... SHE HASN'T MOVED AN INCH IN THIS HEAT...
DAMN...
THEN IT'S SETTLED!

SHEESH!
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED ALL THIS...
BUT...I'M KINDA FEELING IT TOO...
I CAN'T HANDLE IT ANYMORE...
IT...IT WON'T OPEN...
DID SOME-ONE LOCK IT FROM OUT-SIDE?!
COULD THIS...BE MY CHANCE FOR A KISS?
BUT...
BESIDES, TAMAKO'S LIFE'S AT RISK!
NO, THAT'S JUST PLAIN CRUEL...
OR HAS THE HEAT MADE THE DOOR EXPAND?!
IF I MISS THIS CHANCE...
B-BUT...

INJURIES...?
OH, YEAH...
I DIDN'T NOTICE BECAUSE I WAS SO EXCITED...

!!
THAT SHOULD BE COMMON KNOWLEDGE FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN SPORTS!
IF YOU'RE INJURED, HIGH TEMPERATURES LIKE SAUNAS ARE TABOO...
OH...
SHE CAME FOR REHAB!
...HAVE DONE THIS ALL FOR...ME...?
COULD SHE...

I WAS SUCH A FOOL...
I'VE FORGOTTEN THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL...
HMPH!
A SURPRISE ATTACK IN KARATE IS JUST BAD FORM...
EVERY BATTLE MUST BE FACED NOBLY, AND HEAD-ON!
KAAAHHH!
MEEEEHH!

KYAAAAAA!!!
HUH... UH...
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU--
PERVERT!!!
NO, I--
WAAAAH!
HAAAAA!
MEEEEEH!
?

GYAAAAAAAAAHHH!!
!!
CONGRATULATIONS!
PREMONITION CAME TRUE!!!

IT WAS ONE HELL OF A DAY...
SHIMA-SAN WAS BED-RIDDEN FOR DAYS FROM THE EMOTINAL TRAUMA.
...AND MOKICHI-KUN WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE POLICE AS A PERVERT.
SO, MY LIFE WAS SAVED...
LATER...
...ONE GOOD THING CAME OUT FROM ALL THIS...
BUT...
YEP, IT LOOKS GOOD...
OKAY...
Sato Mokichi
Shima Ryotaro
SO SWAN ACADEMY'S WRESTLING CLUB GAINED A NEW MEMBER!
I *DID* WIN THAT SAUNA BATTLE.

ROUND 2/END

■ROUND3■
IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER FUN DAY...
...AT THE CLUB.
LOOU...
...HAHAAAN!
Women's Changing Room
(NOTE) THIS IS A MAN.

ROUND 3

VICE CAPTAIN'S HOSPITALIZED...
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE OLD MAN TONDEMON DISAPPEARED.
...PLUS SOME NEW WEIRDO'S JOINED THIS CLUB...
Hm.
TAMAKO SEEMS PRETTY HAPPY ABOUT IT, THOUGH...
I'D RATHER NOT BE HERE... BUT HONOR DEMANDS I KEEP MY PROMISE.
I COULDN'T HELP IT! I LOST A BET TO TAMAKO!
HER PRICE WAS FOR ME TO JOIN YOUR STUPID CLUB!

I'M NOT SURE WHY I'M ASKING THIS NOW... OR EVEN IF I WANT THE ANSWER BUT...
BIG TIME.
HMPH...A PERV...
THE ONLY THINGS THAT HAVEN'T CHANGED ARE THE CAPTAIN AND TAMA-CHAN...
This has nothing to do with kiai!
Kiai does not discriminate between men and women. Neither should we.
C...Captain Taki...This is the girls' changing room!
SHIBA... HAVEN'T YOU KNOWN CAPTAIN FOR A LONG TIME?
WHY IS THAT GUY'S ALWAYS CROSS-DRESSING... AND HOW DOES A DUDE HAVE SUCH AMAZING SWEATER-PUPPETS?!
CURIOUS, MOKICHI?
CAPTAIN TAKI WASN'T ALWAYS IN SWAN ACADEMY?
TRANSFER?
NOT REALLY.
HE WAS ALREADY LIKE THAT WHEN HE TRANSFERRED IN HIS FIRST YEAR.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING, MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO TO THE SOURCE.
WAH!!!!

QUIET. THE STORY BEGINS ...
.....
AND WHAT WERE YOU GUYS DOING IN THERE, ANYWAY?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S ALSO A LAUGH OUT LOUD, FEEL GOOD TRIUMPH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.
I'LL TELL YOU. IT'S A LONG AND SAD STORY.
...WHEN I WAS STILL IN THE EIGHTH GRADE...
UH, SIR... CAN YOU CROSS YOUR LEGS?
I really don't want to see the wrinkle-brain...
UNGH!

WHOOOOAAA!
...I WAS QUITE THE TARGET FOR BULLIES.
BE-CAUSE OF MY EFFEM-INATE APPEAR-ANCE...
HA HA! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MAKE HIM WEAR THIS!
TA-DA!
AH...N-NO... STOP...
HEH. ONLY ONE WAY TA FIND OUT.
MAYBE HE REALLY IS A CHICK! LIKE IN THE MANGA "SHE GOT GAME," Y'KNOW?
I'M GETTING A RAGING BONER... OH SHIT, DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?
HE LOOKS LIKE A REAL CHICK!
OWWWOWW!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
WHA...?!
BESIDES, AIN'T NO ONE GONNA LISTEN TO SOME QUEER-ASS PUNK...
YOU GOT A DEATH WISH, BITCH?!
IF CONVICTED, IT'LL BE SIX YEARS WITHOUT PAROLE...
...IT'S CALLED SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND IT'S A CRIME.
BULLYING, I CAN PUT UP WITH. BUT WHAT YOU BOYS ARE UP TO...
HUH?
GIRLS NOWADAYS NEED TO BE STRONGER!
AND YOU--!
UH...I... UM...
?
THEY'RE THE REASON I HATE MEN.
HMPH. LITTLE BOYS WITHOUT THE BALLS TO BACK UP THEIR WORDS.
WOW...

I'LL TRAIN YOU TO WRESTLE. TO DEFEND YOURSELF.
THEN APPLY HERE... AT BLACK CAT GIRLS ACADEMY.
ARE YOU STUDYING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS?
OH..?
English Success
UM...
UH...
WELL, NOWHERE YET...
WHERE ARE YOU APPLYING TO?
.....
SHE DROPPED... THIS?
SPRING...
TWO MONTHS LATER...
Private School Black Cat

...I ENTERED THE ALL-FEMALE ACADEMY POSING AS A GIRL.
I WAS SO ADMIRING OF HER SKILLS...
MORNING TAKI--!
UH...
MORNIN'...
Wrestling Club
KANEKO-SENPAI IS THE BEST!
KYAAAAHHH!

……
ポー…
WHY ARE YOU STARING INTO SPACE, NEWBIE?!
HURRY UP AND COLLECT THE LAUNDRY!
Y...
YES, MA'AM...
OH...
TAKI-CHAAAAAN!
WANNA...
...HAVE A MATCH WITH ME?
WHAT...?
えー
CAPTAIN!

UNNNGH.
SHE SMELLS WONDER-FUL...
LOOK AT YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVES...
...AND USE THE OPPONENT'S STRENGTH TO YOUR ADVANTAGE...
HEH HEH...
LOOSEN UP...
...THEN MAKE YOUR MOVE!
UH...AH...

AH...
SEE?
IF YOU STRENGTHEN YOUR RESOLVE, YOU CAN DEFEAT ANY ENEMY!
THAT'S CALLED "KIAI"!
WHAT?!
.....
KIAI...?
IT WAS THE FAMOUS PHRASE...
...OF THE LEGENDARY COACH WHO ONCE TAUGHT US WRESTLING.
...I TRAINED MY ASS OFF.
FROM THEN ON, IN THE NAME OF KIAI...

HEY...WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME ALREADY?
OH! ALL RIGHT.
Um...isn't that a world-record you just lifted...?
KIAI!!!!
200kg
ALL RIGHT.
I'VE STARTED TO BUILD MORE MUSCLE...
I CAN'T KEEP UP THIS CHARADE...I WONDER...IS IT TIME TO CONFESS MY LOVE FOR KANEKO-SENPAI... AND TELL HER I'M A MAN?
AAAAHHH!
CAPTAIN, OH CAPTAIN! ♡

TEE HEE...
YOU'RE SUCH A CUTIE...
I... I CAN'T!
SHE'D NEVER ACCEPT ME AS A MAN!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...
BUT YOU'RE THE BLACK CAT GIRLS ACADEMY WRESTLING CLUB CAPTAIN, KANEKO MISUZU, NO?
WE FINALLY FOUND YOU.
YOU'RE A HARD BITCH TO TRACK DOWN.

IT'S BEEN AWHILE...
HMPH.
BACK TO HAVE YOUR ASSES HANDED TO YOU BY A GIRL AGAIN?
HEYYY!!
THOSE GUYS...!
.....
UH-OH.
THAT POOR LITTLE THING... AND ALL BECAUSE SHE WAS IN THE WRESTLING CLUB...
SATOMI! WHAT DID YOU...?!
SO LISTEN UP, BITCH. EITHER YOU LET US...ALL OF US...STICK IT TO YOU, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW...
...OR EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR LITTLE CLUB...
...WILL SPEND THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR LOOKING OVER THEIR SHOULDERS, WONDERING WHEN IT'LL BE THEIR TURN.
.....

OH...OH, NO...THIS IS ALL MY FAULT...
I NEED TO HELP HER!
BUT...
IF I REVEAL MYSELF NOW, THEY'RE ALL GOING TO KNOW I'M A GUY...
.....
...ALL RIGHT.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, THEN.
BUT IN EXCHANGE... IF YOU EVEN LOOK AT ONE OF MY GIRLS...
...I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES...I'LL FIND EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU.
YEAH! NOW WE'RE TALKING!
I THINK I'LL SOFTEN YOU UP WITH A BEATING...
...JUST AS FOREPLAY, YA KNOW?
THEN YOU OWE ME AN APOLOGY...
AN ORAL APOLOGY... HEH HEH.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!
I HAVE TO...

CAPTAIN!!
WAIT!!
YOU WANT HER?
!!
FIRST, YOU GO THROUGH ME!
HEY...
AH.

HE REALLY DOES WANT TO BE A CHICK!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
AREN'T YOU TAKI?
TAKI?
"HE"?!
WHAT...?
!!
AARGH!
USING WEAPONS IS A COWARDS MOVE, EVEN AGAINST A MARTIAL ARTS MASTER!
N-NO!
COME ON!
YOU BAS-TARD!!

KIAI!
LOOK AT THE OPPONENT'S MOVES...
...AND USE THE OPPONENT'S STRENGTHS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.
IF YOU ARE FULL OF KIAI...
...YOU CAN DEFEAT ANY OPPONENT!

UAAARGHH!!
AAAGGGGGH!!
AMAZING...
BUT...A GUY...?
UGH...
UN...

I'M SORRY...
...I DIDN'T WANT TO DECEIVE YOU. IT WASN'T MY INTENTION...
BUT...I WASN'T LYING THAT I ADMIRED YOU, CAPTAIN...
I JUST WANTED TO BE CLOSE TO YOU...AND YOU HAVE MADE ME SO MUCH STRONGER...
TAKI-CHAN.
CAP-TAIN...

THANK YOU...
...FOR GIVING ME KIAI.

YOU'VE...HAD IT ROUGH...
I NEVER KNEW... AND I SAID ALL THOSE THINGS...
AND SO I LEFT...
SAD, HUH?
Y'KNOW... FOR A STORY THAT I JUST MADE UP ON THE SPOT, IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD ONE, HUH?
MAYBE I SHOULD SELL IT SOMEWHERE?
WHA...?!
YOU MADE IT UP?!
YEAH.
A BITTERSWEET LOVE STORY... DOOMED IN THE END...
ALL LIES.

SEE YA!
YOU GUYS ARE SO GULLIBLE!
I WASTED A TEAR FOR THAT...?
NO FAIR!
I ENDURED AN HOUR OF STARING AT HIS MARBLE BAG FOR A FAKE STORY?
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
...CAPTAIN IS A MYSTERIOUS ONE, ALL RIGHT!
.....
A THING CALLED...
...KIAI, HUH?

ROUND 3/END

VICE CAPTAIN'S...
...IMPRISONED?!
NOTHING AS DRAMATIC AS THAT. SHE'S BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL...
...BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF HER HOUSE.
ROUND 4
COULD IT BE BECAUSE OF THE BATTLE THE OTHER DAY...?
MOST LIKELY.
I DON'T THINK HER PARENTS KNEW SHE WAS WRESTLING. SHE'S PROBABLY GROUNDED.
YOU GUYS...
...DON'T KNOW?
WHAT?!
WHAT KIND OF FAMILY IS SHE FROM?
HER FAMILY OWNS A WEALTHY FINANCIAL CONGLOMERATE.

ROUND 4

WHERE TO?
BATHROOM! GOTTA PEE!
.....
THIS IS THE BATHROOM...

.....
YOU MUSTN'T, MISS ICHIYO!
I WILL BE SCOLDED BY THE MASTER IF I LET YOU LEAVE!
EEK! HOW LONG WERE YOU UP THERE?!
WHILE MISS WAS PEEING...
...YOU WERE PONDERING HOW TO ESCAPE, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE FAILED TO DO SO 20 TIMES NOW.
I TOOK NO PLEASURE IN IT, I PROMISE YOU. ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING YOU HAD ASPARAGUS FOR LUNCH..
EEP! HOW EMBARRASSING ...

YOU MUST ACT LIKE A LADY, YOUNG MISS.
WHERE IS FATHER?
HE HAS LEFT FOR GENEVA, TO GO OUT DRINKING WITH THE NEW U.N. DIPLOMAT.
PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL WITH YOUR ACTIONS... YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO HAVE A MARRIAGE MEETING NEXT MONTH...
HE DID NOT APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE HIGUCHI ZAIBATSU'S ONLY CHILD WAS OUT FIGHTING LIKE A COMMON STREET THUG.
MASTER HAS BEEN VERY ANGRY...
REALLY?
NOT EVEN IF I LET YOU SUCK ON THESE?
THAT DOESN'T BUY ME ANY FREE TIME?
I MUSTN'T...
I WILL NOT BUDGE ON THIS.
BUT I...
.....

MISS CANNOT MEET WITH ANYONE. PLEASE LEAVE.
BUT...
CLICK-
SO...
...SHE REALLY IS UNDER, LIKE, HOUSE ARREST OR SOMETHING.
.....
HEY!
TAMA-CHAN?!
I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE...
WE MUST MOUNT A RESCUE OPERATION TO LIBERATE THE VICE CAPTAIN!

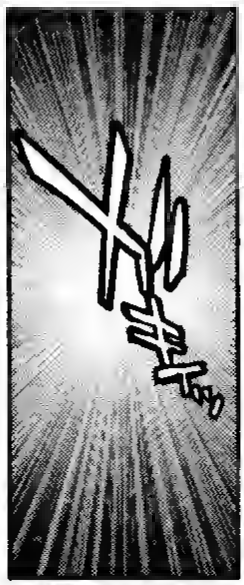
MO-KICHI?!
TAMAKO...
INTRUDER! INTRUDER!
I WONDER HOW FAR THEY CAN COME THROUGH?
HMPH...
WHERE THE HELL ARE WE...?
HUH?
MOKICHI-KUN, STOP!

HOW DO I GET INTO THIS SHIT?!
WE MUST MOVE FORWARD!
WE'VE COME TOO FAR!
LET'S GO HOME, TAMA-CHAN!
THIS ISN'T GOOD...
I KNEW IT...
WHAT THE--?!
NO...
IT IS TOO LATE...
THESE WALLS ARE SO BLACK...
BLACK CARDS? THE KIND WITH NO LIMIT?!
VIZA
THE BLACK
WHAT THE?!
!!
SHIT!
THIS HALLWAY IS PAVED WITH 100 DOLLAR BILLS!
AH...YOU SHOULDN'T, MOKICHI-KUN!

DAAAHH!!
MOKICHI-KUUUUN!!
HUH?
LOOKS LIKE WE CAUGHT A MOUSE
HEH HEH...
THE TRAPS BECAME MORE AND MORE INTENSE...
...AND THEY ATTACKED TAMAKO WITHOUT MERCY.

HMPH.
TARGET HAS CLEARED THE FIFTH TRAP.

UNGH... GH...GH...
WHERE IS VICE CAPTAIN?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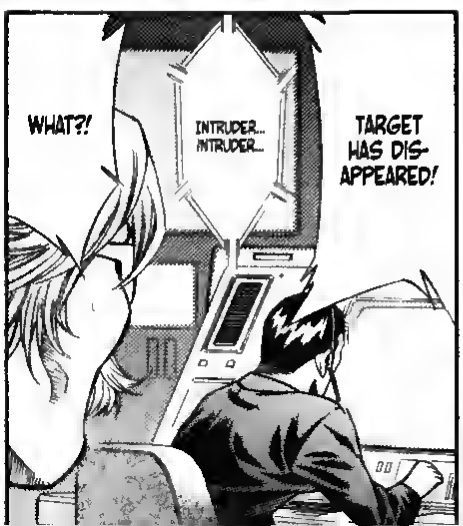
WHAT?!
INTRUDER... INTRUDER...
TARGET HAS DIS-APPEARED!

YOU MIGHT NOT GET OUT OF THIS WITH JUST THIS MANGA'S SPECIALTY, A "FAINTING AND PEEING" SCENE!
DEPENDING ON THE ANSWER YOU WILL GIVE ME..

I'M COMING, VICE CAPTAIN!
OH, VICE CAPTAIN... WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO YOU?
THIS HAS TURNED REALLY GNARLY...
THERE'S A LOT OF GUARDS...
SHE'S PROBABLY AT THE END OF THIS HALL...
BUT, THERE'S TOO MANY...
BREATH IN...
BREATH OUT...
USE THE KIA!!!!!...
TAMAAAAAAAKO...
SENSEI...
S--SENSEI...!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

...SOME STRENGTH!
PLEASE LEND ME...
UAAAARRGHH!

V-VICE CAPTAIN...
VICE...
PANT-
PANT-
ICHIYO
VICE...
VI...

VICE CAPTAIN!!!
OH HEY, TAMAKO. YOU'RE EARLY.

I SUPPOSE I MUST.
SINCE TAMAKO MADE IT ALL THE WAY HERE, YOU NEED TO ASK FOR FATHER'S PERMISSION SO I CAN GET OUT OF THE HOUSE.
AND YOU, TOKUNAGA...
HMPH!
YOU OWE ME A POCARI SPORTS DRINK.
SEE, CAPTAIN? I TOLD YOU SO. I WIN THE BET.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE IMPRISONED ...?!
WHA...?
AND WHY IS CAPTAIN TAKI...
YES...
IT WAS ALL TOKUNAGA'S IDEA.
I WAS JUST SO BORED, I MADE A LITTLE BET.
OH, NOTHING.
UM... WHAT DOES THIS... MEAN...?
WE HAD CREATED THE TRAPS SPENDING A MERE 500,000,000 YEN.
OOH-KAAAY...
PUT YOUR CHIN UP.
AFTER ALL, YOU SAVED A GIRL FROM IMPRISONMENT.
WHY THE LONG FACE?
REALLY?
I WAS DEEPLY MOVED BY YOUR ACTIONS TO SAVE YOUNG MISS.
YES...

I... DON'T KNOW WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED... BUT I GUESS THAT'S OKAY...
YOU'RE WELCOME.
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...BECAUSE OF YOU, I GET TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL.
BESIDES...
THANK YOU...
...TAMAKO.

SNIFF!

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WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT ENDED WELL...
...BUT MISS HIGUCHI'S DAYS OF IMPRISONMENT ARE NOW OVER...

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

ROUND 4/END

[NOTE: KATSU-DON IS A RICE BOWL WITH FRIED, BREADED MEAT ON TOP]

OHHHHH!!
MAYDAY!
MAYDAY!
OWWW!
SO--
SOBA?!

ROUND 5

AS A SHIRUSHI, OR AS A SIGN OF MY APOLOGY, YOU CAN TABERU--EAT ALL YOU WANT.
SUMANAI... SORRY...
YES!
THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOU SPEAK BOTH ENGLISH AND JAPANESE ALL THE TIME.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR HOUSE WAS A SOBA STORE!
AND THAT HOLE...
THE SOBA POWDER IS FROM TOGAKUSHI, AND WE USE THE NATURAL SPRING WATER OF KUMAMOTO'S ASO...AND BLAH BLAH BLAH...
HEH...WATASHI NO OYAJI... IN OTHER WORDS, MY FATHER...PUTS EXCEPTIONAL PRIDE IN HIS SOBA.
MMMMM, DELICIOUS.
GOOD, GOOD
I CAN HEAR CRICKETS IN HERE.
...IT'S SUCH A SWEET SETUP... BUT... WHY DO YOU HAVE NO CUSTOMERS?

MU! THIS IS BAD!
MINNA, EVERYONE, WE MUST EVACUATE!
HM
OH NO, I DID IT AGAIN!
MINUS ONE POINT.
Student Truck Driver
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
DOOR
IT'S A CHIAGE-YA...
HUH?
THEY'RE LOAN SHARKS.
WHAT?!
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, MY PARENTS DIVORCED. WATASHI NO OYAJI--WHO RAISED ME ALL BY HIMSELF--IS NYUIN: IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S HOSPITALIZED.
BLAH BLAH YADDA YADDA YADDA...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, OUR REGULARS HAVE SATTEIKU...LEFT.
WHAT I MEAN IS...!

...HAS STEMMED FROM HERE.
EVERYTHING BAD...
I SEE...
IF A STORE LIKE THIS IS BUILT RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET...
WELCOME TO KANNA MILLER'S!!
THEY'RE DEFINITELY HERE TO SHUT DOWN THE COMPETITION.
AND THEY PURPOSELY PUT SOBA STUFF ON THEIR MENU.
THEY'RE A LARGE CHAIN OF FAMILY RESTAURANTS THAT USE HOT WAITRESSES TO LURE THEIR CUSTOMERS.
I...I KNOW ABOUT THIS STORE...
COLD SOBA

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR ORDER?
ピンポーン
MOKICHI, HOW COULD YOU?!
Hanna Miller's
AKUTAGAWA-SAN!!!
I...I'D LIKE A WARM SOBA...
ALL RIGHT, I'VE DECIDED...
...WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU GET YOUR CUSTOMERS BACK!
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NOW YOU KNOW...
...WHY THE CUSTOMERS KONAI...DON'T COME.
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
I HAVE AN IDEA!
WE STILL HAVE TO GO TO PRACTICE, TOO...
HOW CAN WE DO THAT?

DELIVERIES...
...TRAIN EVERYONE IN BALANCE.
...OPERATION: "GET BACK THE CUSTOMERS" TRAINING STARTED...
AND FROM THEN ON...
AND...
...TRAINS HAND-EYE COORDINATION.
...STRENGTHENS THE ARMS AND HIPS.
KNEADING SOBA..
ON TOP OF THAT, MOKICHI'S IDEAS WERE INCORPORATED...
HELLO AND WELCOME!!

I...I WANT A ZARU-SOBA... NO...GIVE ME THREE!!
ALL RIGHT, THREE ZARU!
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Option menu: Try dropping your disposable chopsticks
...AN ADDITIONAL OPTION!
AND...
WHOOOMA WHAT A SPECTACULAR EFFECT!
I...I want five tempura soba!
Four hot soba here!
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OH, SIR!
LET ME GIVE YOU A REPLACEMENT!
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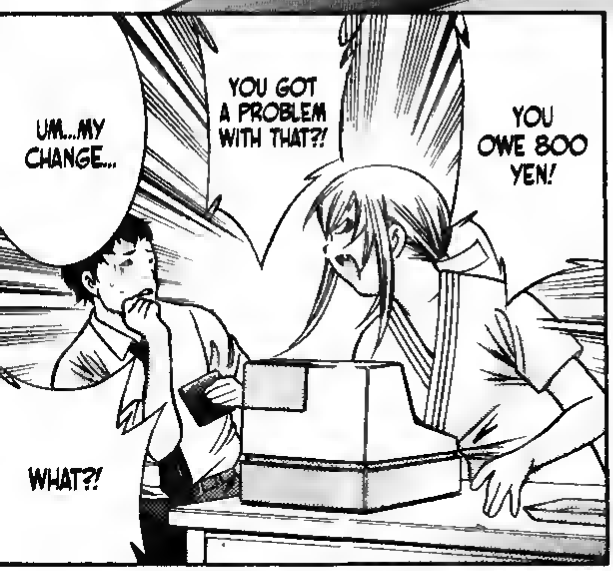

[NOTE: 800 yen is about $7.20]

[NOTE: A "tsundere" is an initinally combatative personality, which later becomes loving and vulnerable.

WHY ARE YOU ALL SCARED?
IDIOT!
.....
Y-YES MA'AM!
AHH!
HEY, WAIT UP!
JUST WATCH.
BUT, THAT WOULD ONLY BE THE "TSUN" PART.
CO-
COME...
COME BACK AGAIN!
ALL HAIL TSUNDERE!
WOOOAAAAAA!

MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?
WELCOME TO KANNA MILLER'S!!
BUT...
YES SIR!
TAMA-CHAN!
FINE! WE JUST HAVE TO BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS, THEN...
NGH...A FUTILE BATTLE AGAINST A GOLIATH...

OOOHHH! TAMA-CHAN WINS AGAIN!
FINISH!
Soba Fast-Eating Contest
1 bowl of hot soba
If you beat high school girl Tameko
★ You will win 5,000yan!!
Or
★ Tamako will remove one pieca of clothing!!
You can challenge me as many times as you want!!
WHO WILL BE THE NEXT CHALLEN-GER?!
OKAY!!
OHHHH, HE'S HERE!
HUNGRY
THE FAMOUS COMPETITIVE EATER, HYAKUDA!

TAMAKO AND THE GANG...
...THEY HAVEN'T BEEN TO PRACTICE RECENTLY.
HAVE THEY... DITCHED?
WHEN I FIND THEM, THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY!
MAYBE...
...THEY'RE SECRETLY DOING SOME KIND OF SECRET TRAINING OR SOMETHING.
HUH?
OHHHH, EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME...
...TAMA-CHAN HAS ALREADY LOST 8 IN A ROW!!
PLUS, IF SHE LOSES THIS TIME...

BUT WHAT IS THE FINAL JUDG-MENT?!
.....
OH WHAT A TWIST! IT LOOKS LIKE A DRAW!
TAMAKO!
FINISH!!
HUH?
OHHH! TAMA-CHAN WINS THIS ONE!!!
.....
ONE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE CAREFUL OF ADULT-ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS LAWS.
SAPPORO

UNNNGH...
UNNNGH...
SHE'S BEDRIDDEN FOR THREE DAYS FROM FATIGUE AND OVER-EATING!
DAMN IT!
I GUESS WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO POUR SOBA OVER SHIBA'S NAKED BODY...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MOKICHI...
THANKS... MINNA ARIGATOU...
IT'S JYUBUNN... IT'S ENOUGH...
IN THE END, THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND MONEY.
IT WAS A FUTILE BATTLE TO BEGIN WITH...
.....
N...NO, YOU CAN'T!
TAMA-CHAN...
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO GIVE UP!

...IS ALL THIS POOR DELICIOUS SOBA THAT WILL NEVER GET EATEN!
THE REAL VICTIM HERE...
...FORGETTING ALL THE MONEY AND SEXINESS... THAT THIS SOBA IS DELICIOUS!
...WE'VE ALL FORGOTTEN...
BESIDES...
...TO NEVER GIVE UP!
THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT...
IS IT ANOTHER TRUCK?
HM? WHAT'S THAT?
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YIKES!
EVACUATE!
HUH?
WHERE'S TAMA-CHAN?
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EVACUATE!
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...ALLOW THIS STORE TO BE DEST-ROYED!
I WILL NOT...
UAAAAARRR!
...FOR TAMA-CHAN.
NO, WAIT A MINUTE...
IS SHE TRYING TO GET HERSELF KILLED?!
ONCE, TAMA-CHAN WAS ABLE TO LIFT A HUGE SHARK...
...LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!
...ARE YOU SERI-OUS?!
DOES THAT MEAN...
RIGHT. IT *MIGHT* BE POSSIBLE...

WHAAAT!!
GUESS NOT...
GREECE (I WANT TO GO)
HAWAII (I WANT TO GO)

I...I'M SORRY I WASN'T MUCH OF A HELP...
I'INDA... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'M ACTUALLY RELIEVED...
OYAJI-- FATHER WANTED TO CLOSE THE STORE EVENTUALLY, ANYWAY.
.....
AND BESIDES...
...TAMAKO...
...OMAE'S KINDNESS...
...HAS PROBABLY MADE THESE SOBA HAPPY.
.....
AHHH!!
TAMAKO, I FOUND YOU!!

KUH?!
SO YOU GUYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OKAY TO DITCH PRACTICE, EH?
UHM...
THIS IS MY FAMILY'S STORE.
AH?
BESIDES...
DID YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU COULD CHALLENGE A HUGE CORPORATION LIKE THIS?
OKAY...
PROBLEM SOLVED!
RIGHT AWAY, MISS.
WH... WHAT?
YEAH, THAT'S THE ONE.
CAN YOU CLOSE THAT PLACE DOWN, RIGHT NOW?
BEEP
OH HEY, TOKU-NAGA...
...YOU KNOW THAT STORE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS STARING AT?
HUH...?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN THE WORLD REALLY DOES REVOLVE AROUND MONEY?
Due to unforeseen circumstances, our store will be closed.
Kanna Miller's
LATER...
Soba
SOBA
Soba
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DELIVERY! TO MR. TODA'S HOUSE ON 3RD AVENUE, RIGHT?
OYAJI?!
YES!

EVERY THING'S OKAY NOW.
LOOKS LIKE THE DAD'S RECOVERED WELL, TOO...
HEY...
WHERE ARE MOKICHI AND TAMAKO?
THAT MEANS AKUTAGAWA CAN CONCENTRATE ON WRESTLING FROM NOW ON...

BEING PUNISHED!
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ROUND 5/END

HEY Y'ALL.
ROUND6
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
CAN'T YOU TELL?
WE'RE STUDYING.
WHY? I THOUGHT THE MIDTERM EXAMS WEREN'T UNTIL NEXT WEEK.
THAT'S RIGHT...
THIS IS MOKICHI'S FIRST TIME...
BATTLE CLUB'S...
..."DEATH" RULE!

ROUND 6

J-JUST BECAUSE YOU GET ONE FAILING GRADE?
SCHOLARSHIP, MARIAL ARTS, ONE WAY.
THAT WAS TONDEMON SENSEI'S POLICY.
FIRED?!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET FIRED, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THE 2ND VERSION OF THE RADIO TAISO FULLY NUDE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "2ND VERSION" ...?
(NOTE: TAISO IS A PUBLIC EXERCISE THAT IS BROADCASTED IN THE MORNING.)
UNTIL LAST YEAR, TAMAKO HAD SUCH POOR GRADES...
...SHE EXPOSED ALL HER PRIVATE PARTS IN FRONT OF ALL THE STUDENTS EVERYDAY...
ALL LIES!!!
I'VE NEVER RECEIVED A FAILING GRADE BEFORE!!
OH, COME TO THINK OF IT, MOKICHI-KUN, DIDN'T YOU GET A SCORE OF ZERO IN OUR ENGLISH MINI TEST THE OTHER DAY?
SENSEI'S NOT EVEN AROUND RIGHT NOW...
WOULDN'T THIS RULE NOT APPLY?
WELL ...

I SUPPOSE...
WILL YOU NOT DO IT?
NO-NYA
WILL YOU AT LEAST...
I'M 100 YEARS OLD...I HAVE HEART PROBLEMS-NYA.
MY HANDS ARE ALREADY FULL WITH CUSTODIAL JOBS-NYA.
.....
IF SOMETHING EVER HAPPENED TO TONDEMON SENSEI...
...I WAS TOLD TO GO TO YOU.

WELL, IT'LL DEPEND ON THE TEST RESULTS-NYA.
ALL THE WHILE...
...MOKICHI, WHO IS THOUGHT TO GET THE WORST SCORES ON HIS TESTS...
...STARTED HIS HELLISH TRAINING.
reckless
be drowned

FIRST...
HIGUCHI HAD DEVELOPED AN AVANT-GARDE STUDYING METHOD...
...I WRITE THE ANSWERS DOWN...
Pe
...AND WE HIDE IT WITH TAPE.
HOU-NYO
...THE DAY BEFORE THE TEST...
AND...
TAMAKO... GIVE ME YOUR ARM.
...YOU ARE ABLE TO PEEL THE STICKER OFF AND STUDY ITS SPELLING.
IF THE PRONUN-CIATION OF THE QUESTION IS CORRECT...
Walrus.
OOOHHHH.
...COMBINING THE HUMAN'S BRAIN AND SEXUAL NEEDS...

?
OH, RIGHT, THIS DIFFICULTY LEVEL SUPER A WORD...
I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.
RIGHT...THE MORE EROTIC AREAS OF THE BODY HAVE HARDER QUESTIONS.
HEY...
I THINK THESE WORDS ARE A LITTLE HARDER!
IT'LL BE A GREAT WAY TO PRACTICE WRESTLING, TOO.
BUT YOU WILL NEED TO WRESTLE TO PEEL THE STICKER OFF.
SEIUCHI
TRULY, WE'RE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
HYA?!
THIS FLAP HERE IS IN THE WAY...
HMMMM...
THE SHAPE'S ALL ASYM-METRICAL, AND IT'S COMPLEX SO IT'S HARD TO WRITE...

RIGHT...
...ABOUT FACE.
WHAT'S THE ENGLISH WORD FOR "MAWARE MIGI"?
QUES-TION!
ABOUT TURN!!

SEXUAL NEED... WITH THAT BASIC PRIMITIVE NEED AS AN AID...
...MOKICHI'S ENGLISH SKILLS IMPROVED DRASTICALLY.
WOW...
I NEVER KNEW MOKICHI-KUN HAS THIS MUCH STRENGTH!
GOTCHA!!
ONLY...
...THREE MORE...
GRRRR!!
GYAAAAA!!
MOKICHI'S ENGLISH LEVEL WAS MOVING ALONG WELL...
...BUT...
THIS ISN'T ANIMAL PLANET!

TH--
THIS CALLS FOR DRASTIC MEASURES!
RIGHT!
START YOUR MOCK TEST!
THE IMPROVEMENT WAS ONLY FOUND WHEN HE WAS EXERTING HIS PERVERTED PASSION...
OH NO... TIME'S ALREADY UP!
.....
20 MINUTES LATER...
Faculty Room
THE TEST ANSWERS...
...INSIDE THIS SAFE...
...THEY CALL TO ME... "RESCUE US"...
THEY DO NOT!!
AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING TO?!
THERE'S JUST TOO MANY WEIRD JOKES (EDITOR)

SHEEESH!
BY THE WAY...
Custodial Room
GOOD EVENING!
WHAT?!
LET'S GO AND INTRODUCE OURSELVES.
...TO BE OUR SUBSTITUTE FACULTY ADVISOR.
I HEARD THAT WE'RE ASKING THE CUSTODIAN...
!!
U...UHH...

MOKICHI-KUN, CALL AN AMBULANCE!
W... WAIT-NYA...
WHAT'S WRONG?!
MR. CUST-ODIAN?!
M...MY HEART...I'VE RUN OUT OF MY MEDICINE-NYA.
WHAT?!
IF YOU CALL THEM, I'LL KILL YOU-NYA.
I HATE AMBULANCES-NYA.
GIVE HIM TO ME!
MOKICHI-KUN!
W...WHAT SHOULD WE DO, MOKICHI-KUN?
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE WORRIED.
WE JUST HAVE TO CALL.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME EITHER, SINCE WE STILL NEED TO STUDY...
HEY!!
MAYBE IT'S OUR CHANCE... IF THIS GEEZER DIES, EVEN IF I GET A FAILING GRADE...

ARRRRRRR!!
TAMA-CHAAAAN!
...BUT IF I GO IN A STRAIGHT LINE...
...IT'LL ONLY BE TWO KILOMETERS!
ALL RIGHT!
UNGH...!
THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL FROM HERE IS STILL 5 KILOMETERS AWAY...
MR. CUSTODIAN!
HOLD ON TIGHT!

Hospital
Hospital

HOW DOES IT FEEL...
...TO BE LYING IN A HOSPITAL BED AFTER FAKING A HEART ATTACK?
.....
YOU SAW HOW THOSE KIDS ACTED...
IT WAS JUST AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.
THERE'S STILL ONE THING LEFT-NYA.

THREE DAYS LATER ...
WHOOOAA!
Mokichi
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Strip poker
...I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED...
...BUT I'M WITNESSING A MIRACLE...
HOW...?
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LOOK AT THIS!!
HEY TAMA-CHAAAAN!
Tamako!
I THOUGHT I STUDIED...
...BUT THE QUESTIONS WERE SO HARD...
WHA...?
WAAH!!
YOU'RE FIRED-NYA!

PLUS, YOU OLD GEEZER, SHE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO STUDY...THANKS TO YOU!
TAMA-CHAN USED HER TIME TO HELP ME...
MR. CUSTODIAN...
...ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT NOW?
YEP.
JUST WAIT A MINUTE!
FORGET ABOUT ME, YOU'RE FIRED-NYA!
MOKICHI-KUN!
I'LL TAKE HER PLACE AND QUIT!
THEN...
GNGH.
THIS AND THAT ARE DIFFERENT-NYA.
.....
THANK YOU...
TAMA-CHAN.
...BUT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
MOKICHI-KUN...
BUT...
DO YOU THINK TAMAKO WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU QUIT ON HER ACCOUNT-NYA?
.....
...I WILL QUIT.
...IT'S MY FAULT FOR GETTING THE FAILING GRADE...

RADIO TAISO 2ND VERSION!!
LIFT YOUR ARM HIGH!!!
MOKICHI-KUN...
THAT IDIOT!
HE TOOK MY LIE SERIOUSLY...
TAMA-CHAN WORKED HARD FOR MY SAKE!
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO PAY HER BACK.
KIA!
SO SMALL...
IT'S SO SMALL!

HE'S GOT THE NOTION OF KIAI ALL WRONG. NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE STILL FIRED-NYA.
HMPH!
AH...
WHAT SHOULD I...
THAT GEEZER'S THE DEVIL!
HOWEVER, YOU MAY REAPPLY TO THE CLUB-NYA.
HM?
HEY, LOOK AT THE BACK...

IT WILL BE AWHILE BEFORE TAMAKO AND THE GANG...
...THE REAL TEST, RIGHT?
THEY'VE PASSED...
THEY ARE A FORM-IDABLE CREW.
A GREAT TEAM FOR YOU TO COACH.
SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU WILL OFFICIALLY BE OUR ADVISOR?
.....
AT LEAST THEY'VE INHERITED THE SPIRIT OF KIAI-NYA.
...FIND OUT THAT HE IS ACTUALLY TONDEMON'S MASTER.
PRE-WORLD WAR II, HE WAS THE FIRST JAPANESE TO EARN A GOLD MEDAL IN WORLD WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS.
WELL...I'LL THINK ABOUT IT-NYA.
NANDAIMON, SCHOOL CUSTODIAN...
NOT EVEN NANDAIMON COULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT.
IN ADDITION, MOKICHI'S TEST SCORES WERE MANIPULATED, AND TAMAKO'S TEST WAS SWITCHED TO QUESTIONS FROM THE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TOKYO UNIVERSITY VERSION.
ROUND 5/END

EVERY SCHOOL HAS ONE OR TWO GHOST STORIES ATTACHED TO THE SCHOOL...
...AND THE 100 YEAR-OLD SWAN ACADEMY WAS NO EXCEPTION.

...IS THAT PEOPLE CAN HEAR A SOUND OF A PERSON DIVING INTO THE POOL IN THE MIDDLE OF NIGHT.

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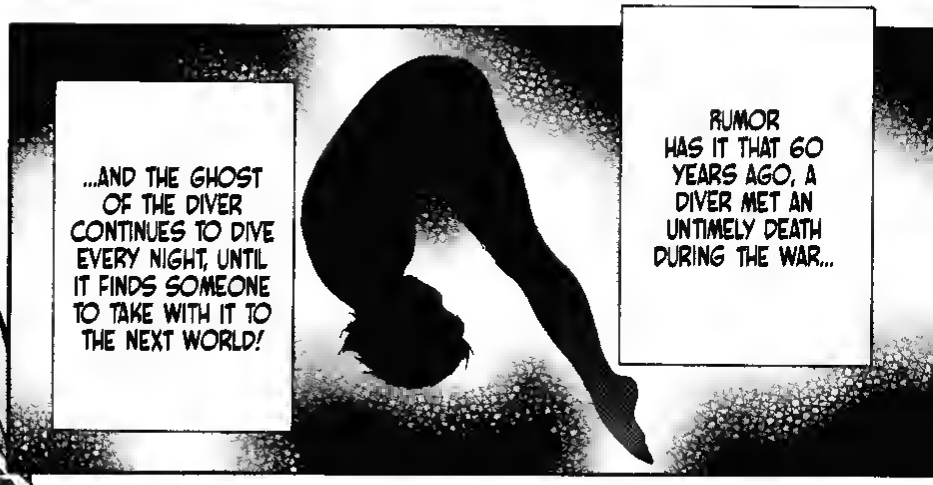
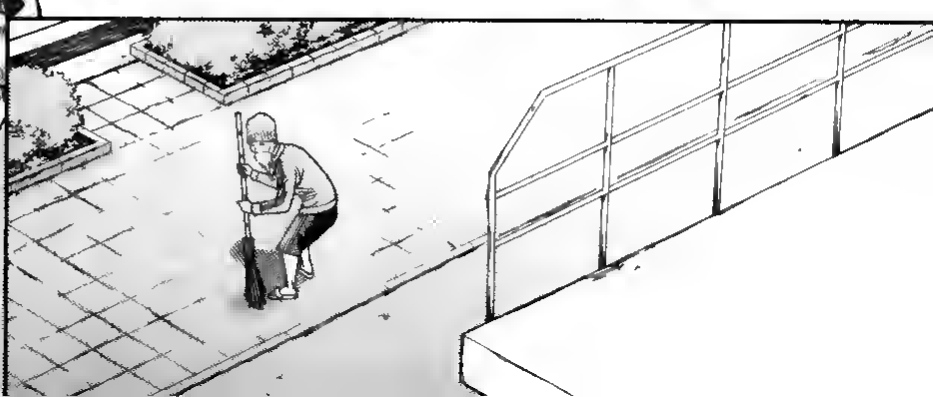
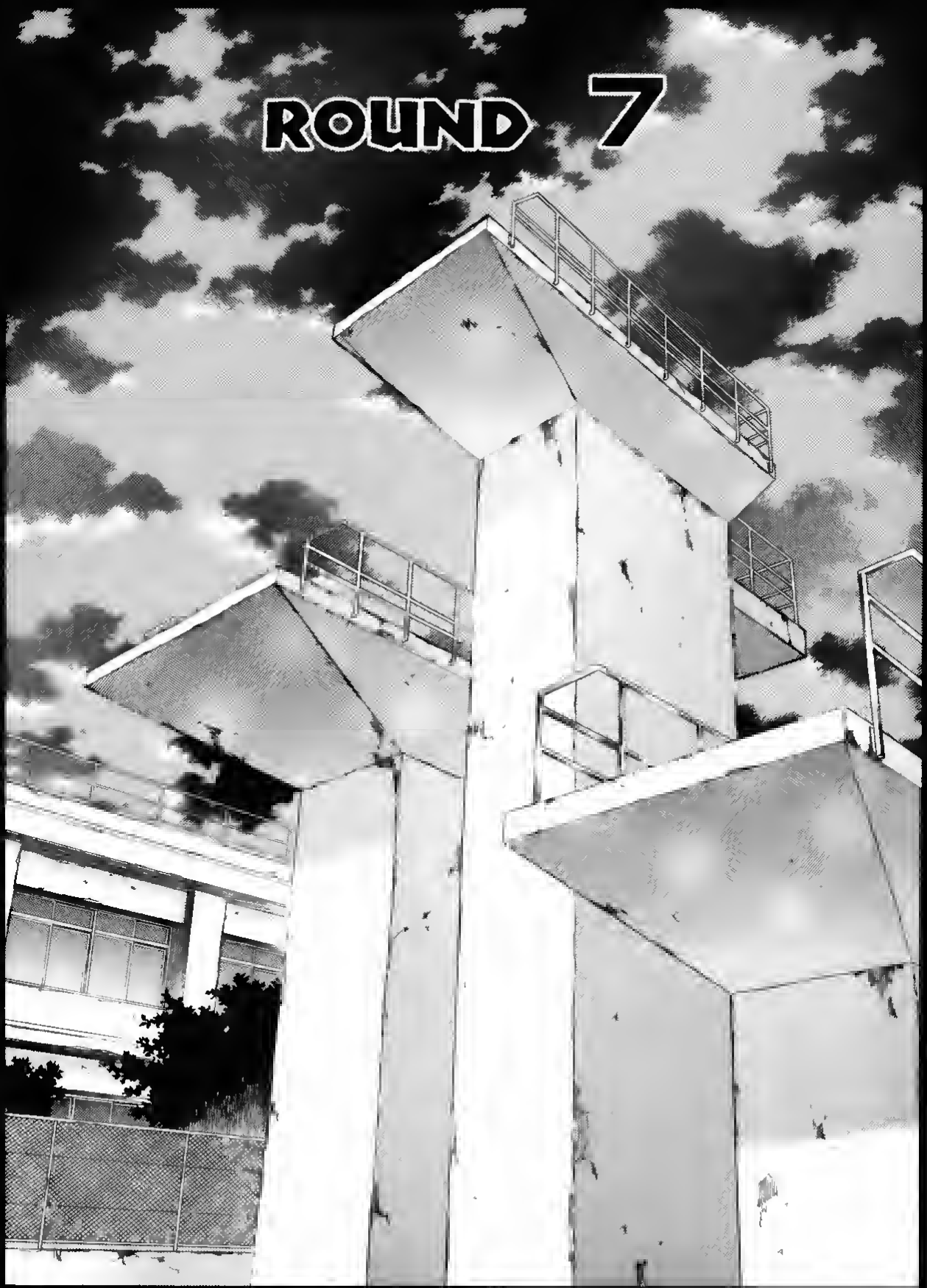
ONE OF THOSE GHOST STORIES...

HMMM...


...AND THE GHOST OF THE DIVER CONTINUES TO DIVE EVERY NIGHT, UNTIL IT FINDS SOMEONE TO TAKE WITH IT TO THE NEXT WORLD!
RUMOR HAS IT THAT 60 YEARS AGO, A DIVER MET AN UNTIMELY DEATH DURING THE WAR...




ROUND 7

AAAAHH!
WHY THE HELL ARE WE CLEANING THE POOL?!
ALL LIES!
NANDAIMON-SENSEI SAYS THIS IS PART OF OUR TRAINING.
DON'T COMPLAIN!
JUST LOOK AT THE STATE OF TAMA-CHAN!
WATER... SCARY...
PLUS...
YOU'RE JUST PAWNING OFF ALL YOUR CUSTODIAL JOBS TO US!
YOU LAZY OLD FOSSIL!

ALL RIGHT.
YOU GUYS FINISH UP THE REST.
HEY, THAT'S NOT FAIR!!!
COME ON.
TAMA-CHAN, GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!
UNNNGH!
AH!
HYA!!
EASY!
YOU CAN TOTALLY TOUCH THE BOTTOM, SO THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN DROWN...

I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE IS STILL PRACTICING DIVING AT THIS HOUR...
HEY...
SEE, OVER THERE.
SHE'S CLIMBING THE STAIRS RIGHT NOW.
HUH?
WHERE?
SHE'S THERE...
A VERY PRETTY GIRL...
BESIDES, NOBODY CAN DIVE WITH THIS SHALLOW WATER...
THERE'S NOBODY THERE!

I'M GOING TO PASS TODAY, TOO...
WHAT, AGAIN?
OH, SORRY...
TAMA-CHAN, LET'S GO AND GET SOME CURRY...
THREE DAYS LATER...
WHEW! I'M EXHAUSTED...
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GOOD GOOD!
KEEP THAT UP...

I WAS WONDERING WHY SHE'S BEEN ACTING SO WEIRD LATELY.
SHE'S BEEN PRACTICING HOW TO SWIM ALL BY HERSELF?
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BUT WHY DOES IT LOOK LIKE SHE'S TALKING TO HERSELF?
OKAY, TAMAKO...
NEXT, YOU'RE GOING TO DIVE.
TODAY, YOU'RE GOING TO TRY FIVE METERS.
OKAY!

TAMA-CHAN, STOP!
!!
TSK.
HYAAAAAA--
WHAT WERE YOU DOING, TAMA-CHAN?

WAH!!
SHE'S POSSESSED!
HEH HEH.
I'M TOTALLY FINE!
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
TAMA-CHAN...
OKAY, I NEED TO GO TODAY, TOO...
FEH! GHOSTS, BIGFOOT, GLOBAL WARMING... ALL BULLSHIT!
MY FAMILY RUNS A SHRINE...
NO...
DON'T BE RIDIC-ULOUS.
IT'S PROBABLY THE RUMORED POOL SPIRIT!
I FEEL AN EVIL PRESENCE...
CAPTAIN TAKI, YOU CAN'T SEE SPIRITS, CAN YOU?

OKAY, TAMAKO...
WE ARE FINALLY GOING TO...
...TRY 10 METERS TODAY.
YES...
WAIT!

EVIL SPIRIT!
I'M NOT LETTING TAMA-CHAN--
GYA!
THAT WAS QUICK...
IT'S BEEN AWHILE...
...SINCE I'VE FOUGHT A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT...

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HAH!
AH...
HUH? I...
WHOA, CAPTAIN...
THE TAKI FAMILY RUNS THROUGH AS A BRANCH FAMILY OF THE ONMYOJI ABE FAMILY.
SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS CHILD'S PLAY...
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
BUT STILL...
WHY POSSESS TAMAKO?
HMPH!
YOU GUYS WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!
JUST KIDDING!

...YOU THINK THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR IS SIMPLY NORMAL.
YOU...
...WHO CAN CO-MINGLE AND BATTLE WITH MEN SO EASILY...
ESPECIALLY YOU...
...WHEN MALE CHAUVINISM WAS COMMON...
60 YEARS AGO...
BUT THE ATTITUDE I RECEIVED FROM THE MALE ATHLETES WAS NOT A FRIENDLY ONE...
...I WAS A GIRL WHO EXCELLED IN SPORTS.
OH, REALLY?
YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL I ACTUALLY TRY!
BUT...
HAH! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A PUNY GIRL LIKE YOU!
10 METERS?!
GIRLS WERE EXPECTED ONLY TO DIVE FROM THE LOWER LEVEL BOARD.
IT WAS THE SAME EVEN ON THE DIVING BOARD.

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE? IT'S BEEN 20 MINUTES ALREADY!
DID YOUR LEGS SPROUT ROOTS UP THERE?
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MY LEGS...
IT'S... HIGH...
CAN'T MOVE...
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? SHE'S JUST A GIRL.
AAAARGH, SHUT UP!
I HAVE NO CHOICE...!
SO THAT'S WHY...
...YOU COMMITTED SUICIDE?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
THEN... WHY?
I DIDN'T KILL MYSELF!

HM?
I'M GOING TO TAKE TAMAKO WITH ME...
...FROM HERE...
!!
.....
IT'S ALL RIGHT...
YOU CAN JUMP.
TAMA-CHAN!
WH-WHAT?
JUST LIKE ON THAT DAY...

I HEARD FROM MR. CUSTODIAN...
...THAT YOU HAD CLIMBED THAT DIVING BOARD EVERYDAY AFTER THAT INCIDENT.
H.../R

YOU KEEP THINKING...
...ABOUT MALE AND FEMALE DIFFER-ENCES...
...SO YOU OVERDO IT.
YOU JUST...
...JUMP.
I CAN JUMP...
...RIGHT NOW...
I CAN DO IT!
THAT IS...
...THE TRUE KIAI...

YOU WANT TO SURPRISE THOSE GUYS, RIGHT?
BUT...
YOU SHOULD SAVE YOUR SURPRISE UNTIL LATER.
HEY, YOU CAN FINISH THIS UP TOMORROW!
HUH?
MUH. BAD TIMING...
IT'S AN AIR RAID ALARM.
YES...
...KILLED YOU.
BUT...THE AIR RAID -THAT NIGHT...

YOU...!
YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS, AND STILL YOU FOLLOWED ME?
NOW, GATHER YOUR COURAGE.
B--
BUT ...
...SENPAI...
IT'S ALL ABOUT KIAI...

THANK YOU...
...TAMAKO...
AT THAT MOMENT...
...PEOPLE SAW A MIRACLE...
THANK YOU...
...MR. CUSTODIAN...

OH NO! TAMA-CHAN!
IT WAS JUST THEIR IMAGINATION!
...OR THEY THOUGHT THEY DID.
GYA!
Higuchi Hospital
ONE WEEK OF HEALING...
I'M JUST IMPRESSED THAT YOU DIDN'T DIE FROM DIVING INTO SEVEN CENTIMETERS OF WATER...
OUT!
IT'S PROBABLY THANKS TO ALL MY PRACTICE!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT!
BUT DID SOMETHING REALLY COME OUT?
YEAH, IT DID.

ROUND 7/END

YOU WERE IN THE WAR... HOW THE HELL OLD ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
WAIT A MINUTE!
THAT DEFINITELY DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WRESTLING!
W...WAIT A MINUTE!
...IS PULLING THE WEEDS IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN!
YOUR NEXT TRAIN-ING...

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DON'T COVER UP BY LAUGHING!
HA HA HA HA!

AFTER THAT...
...THE POOL GHOST NEVER APPEARED AGAIN...

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